

PRG Meeting Summary - June 4, 2008

The LWG met with EPA on June 4 to discuss PRGs. Several tentative agreements were reached and action items for the next PRGs meeting with EPA (set for June 18th) were discussed. A summary of meeting highlights and path forward for the next meeting are discussed separately below.

Meeting Highlights:

1. PRG Process – The process for setting PRGs was discussed on a general level. Although there were some specific disagreements that need to be discussed further, the following elements were agreed to in concept:
 - a. Some type of early PRG process (prior to waiting to the conclusion of the BLRA) is needed in order to start the FS early. (However, EPA appeared to indicate they wanted more time to fully consider the ramifications of this process.)
 - b. The early PRG process would be for a subset of chemicals likely to be important once the findings of the BLRA are completely known.
 - c. Refinement of the early PRG list based on the findings of the BLRA is an essential step. The early PRG list is in no way meant as a final list.
2. FS/PRG Terms
 - a. The concept of flexible refinement of PRGs during the pre-FS and FS process appeared acceptable to EPA, and although EPA has referred to “refined PRGs” as “RGs” in some comments, there is no critical need for an additional term, particularly if an additional term creates confusion.
 - b. There was not agreement on the “Relevant Information and Levels” term. It appeared that EPA needed to consider this further.
3. Chemical Lists – EPA could not agree LWG’s proposed list without further discussion at the next meeting. (See action items below.)
4. Next Meeting Topics – It was agreed that the next meeting would focus on:
 - a. discussion of the working chemical list for early PRG development
 - b. discussion of methods for calculating PRGs for specific measures (as possible—see LWG Action Item 2 below).

Action Items:

LWG Action Items

Items Critical to Next Meeting:

1. Develop additional description of methods used to determine chemical list presented on June 4 including specifics, for example:
 - a. How TEQs will be developed from the Food Web Model.
 - b. How DDx is evaluated for human health PRGs.
 - c. Whether PRGs are developed for both HH and Eco for all chemicals.
2. Develop list of specific PRG measures that LWG/EPA can discuss at next meeting in absence of Food Web Model, BSAF, and TRV comments from EPA.

LWG will come prepared to discuss general LWG proposed methods for those items on the list.

Items Needing Development (not essential by next meeting):

3. Consider what other information (other than PRGs) will be needed for timely AOPC development and create a working list of these for EPA discussion.
4. Create a goals statement for the early PRG development process.
5. Revise the PRG flow chart provided to EPA to include the early PRG process and refinement based on the BLRA more explicitly.

EPA Action Items

1. EPA to consider whether it can fully agree to the “early PRGs” process as outlined at the meeting.
2. EPA to review chemical list presented on June 4 and come prepared to ask additional questions at next meeting.
3. EPA to come prepared to make chemical list change suggestions (if any needed) and/or “broker” a chemical list, if possible.